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Application of: D. MCCabe *et al.*

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PORTFOLIOS

Attorney Docket No: 10449-003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A marked-up copy of the amended paragraphs showing insertions and [deletions] is attached in Appendix A. A clean copy of the amended paragraphs is also attached in Appendix B.

Paragraph at page 8, lines 1-8:

In the above-described preferred embodiment, there is a single child portfolio (the SPDRX) which comprises all the stocks traded in a single market (in this case, the NASDAQ). And among a total of $N = 500$ different securities in the parent portfolio (i.e., the S&P 500-based SPDR), $M_1 = 54$ different securities of the child portfolio all are traded on a first securities market (the NASDAQ), while none of the other $N - M_1 = 446$ different securities in the parent portfolio are traded on that first securities market. The benefits of the SPDRX of this first embodiment now become evident. Instead of placing $M_1 = 54$ separate orders with NASDAQ dealers to trade the orders, an SPDR specialist need only place a single order to buy or sell shares of C_{eq1} with the SPDRX specialist. Since the SPDRX shares are traded automatically, this means that the SPDR specialist realizes the benefits of speed and efficiency previously accorded only for those remaining 446 stocks not individually traded on the NASDAQ.